

My dear Gray

New York, 12 Oct. 1847.

I have been for sometime both looking to hear from you, especially as the N.Y. & proofs of the genus "Carex" have failed to reach me according to appointment. However, I now write you on one or two little matters which I have noted since we met, as I may be more engaged for the next 2 months having agreed to manage the business of my friend Mr. Kingsford during his trip to Europe for that period.

I enclose what I now suppose to be Lycopodium, Selaginoides, from Point de Four, Michigan - I passed it over when naming the State Collection for L. inundatum but now find my error, I hope in time for the Manual, as I suspect it must be very rare, or unknown in the States - See Hook. Fl. Bor. Am. You will find plenty of it I think in your set of Mich. plants, tho' I did not attach much value to it at the time.

I also enclose Galium corniculatum in fruit which you had not seen when describing the species in the Flora - It is from Ohio, Sullivan. & was mixed up in a breeches-pocket lump of other species - I send a small bit only for the locality & it can go into your appendix if you see fit.

I find to your great disgrace & my no less annoyance that whilst I have plenty of Gentiana flavida I have no real G. ochroleuca! This must

be seen to an rarer part, & a suitable specimen
laid by with my *gleume aurea*? (Sprague's
spec^m) for which I hold you responsible -

And now as to some of Hooker's determinations of
Seyers' ^{plants} which please examine some time or other
& report to me, & if needful to Hooker if he has
erred -

N. 6. he calls *Bahia oppositifolia* - I took it
for your *picradenia* -

201. *Aster laxifolius* is certainly wrong. What
species is it? I take it for one of the *Amelli*
near *A. adscendens*.

30. *Erigeron caespitosus* *B. grandiflorus* is,
me judge, *E. pumilus*.

"*Arnica Chamissonis*" - he omits to give the
number here - My only *Arnica* is N. 361.
but it has only a single head. Can this be
your *A. cham.*?

I may have 1 or 2 more of these to speak about
hereafter - I am just about to send on Sulliv.
want's 2 numbers - I am ashamed at having kept them
so long, but my detention in the Country prevents
my using them - I hope to have the remaining
numbers from you when you get them & will
be more reasonable as to the detention of them.
I do not hear of the arrival of Agassiz at Princeton
but he is advertised for the 15th Inst at the
Med. Col. in Crosby Street - My eyes fail me

distressingly, particularly my right eye with which
I cannot read even ordinary Capitals when the
other is closed! This worries me a great deal
more than any personal inconvenience which
has yet befallen me - It cannot be mere age, or
the defect w^d have been gradual, & I suppose w^d have
been equal in both eyes - I suppose the optic nerve is affected
why not? Since I have not a sound nerve remaining
in my system. My friend W. K. (the late partner of
Mr. Holford) is a large loser by the failures in London
thence his journey to endeavour to arrange his entangled
affairs. My position, as his Atty., will be neither
pleasant nor profitable but I felt called upon to
assume it, in his present perplexities. This arrangement
will keep me here for at least this winter, &
it is idle to speculate beyond that period. I am
still at Sam's house, but shall probably remove
into chambers somewhere, before very long. I know how
busy you are, & w^d not tax your complaisance
to write to me, but when the book is in print, or
you have a lazy (not a leisure) half hour, bestow
it upon me & tell me your news - Especially the
prospects of installing the Deity into her shrine during
the coming winter - I suppose your house is completed,
how do you like it? And what says our hearts' darling
to the improvements? My kindest regards to her &
all other house, & with remembrances to my friends
George & Joe, I am My dear friend, Always truly yrs.
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Dear Sam. complaints of soreness in his throat, & is far
from comfortable, but has no return of the bleeding.
I have seen nothing of Jerry but learn from Boston
that he is in the city. I want to know all about how
everything arrangements. Do you go on with W. & J.
or make new arrangements in Boston - Tell my all about
it, in your next. I am.